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SUBJECT: CARDINAL SIN DELAYED AT AIRPORT; MARCOS

- APOLOGIZES

1. ASSOCIATED PRESS (AND PERHAPS OTHER FOREIGN BUT NOT LOCAL MEDIA) HAS RECENTLY CARRIED SERIES OF ARTICLES ARISING FROM REPORT THAT JAIME CARDINAL SIN, ARCHBISHOP OF MANILA, WAS NEARLY PREVENTED BY THE MILITARY FROM LEAVING MANILA ON A FLIGHT TO ROME. AP MAY 16, QUOTING THE CARDINAL'S PRESS SPOKESMAN, REPORTED THAT SIN ARRIVED AT THE AIRPORT MAY 10 AND WAS TOLD BY SECURITY OFFICIALS HIS NAME WAS ON A LIST OF PERSONS NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. SIN WAS FINALLY PERMITTED TO BOARD THE PLANE FIVE MINUTES BEFORE TAKEOFF, AFTER HE HAD MADE TWO PHONE CALLS TO THE PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY COMMAND.

2. AP MAY 17 REPORTED THAT THE 16-MEMBER ARCHBISHOP'S COUNCIL, HEADED BY AUXILIARY BISHOP OSCAR CRUZ, WAS PREPARING A "STRONG LETTER OF PROTEST" TO PRESIDENT MARCOS. BISHOP CRUZ TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THE INCIDENT WAS "DISTASTEFUL" AND "PROFOUNDLY DISTURBING." HE SAID THE COUNCIL HAD INFORMED THE PAPAL NUNCIO, WHO "MADE US UNDERSTAND HE WOULD TAKE SOME ACTION."

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3. AP MAY 18, QUOTING INFORMATION SECRETARY TATAD AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, SAID THAT PRESIDENT MARCOS HAD DIRECTED FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO TO EXPRESS THE GOP'S APOLOGIES TO THE CARDINAL AND HAD ORDERED AN INVESTIGATION. TATAD BLAMED THE "UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT" ON "MISINFORMATION." TOUSSAINT

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